

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & TRAFFIC

March 5, 2024 at 5:45 PM

Chairman Vincent called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Vincent, Morgan, Kantor, Barry, Goonan

Messrs.: C. Goodnow, P. Telge

1. The Traffic Division has submitted an agenda which needs to be addressed:

NO PARKING ANYTIME

On Maple Street, west side, from Laurel Street to a point 60 feet south

Alderman Sapienza

RESCIND SIGNALIZATION: RIGHT TURN ON RED PROHIBITED

On South Willow Street northbound at Maple Street (ORD 9187)

Alderman Burkush

*On motion of **Alderman Barry**, duly seconded by **Alderman Morgan**, it was voted to approve.*

2. Communication from Chris Goodnow, Parking Manager, regarding a request from DEKA to use the southeast corner portion of Arms Lot for its ARMI BioFabUSA Meeting in the Millyard from Wednesday, May 15 through Friday, May 24, 2024.

*On motion of **Alderman Barry**, duly seconded by **Alderman Goonan**, it was voted to approve.*

3. Communication from the Parking Manager regarding a request from Stark Brewing to use a portion of Arms Lot that consists of nineteen (19) parking spaces for outdoor seating.

Chairman Vincent asked the fee for this, the cost, how did we come up with that.

Chris Goodnow, Parking Manager, stated I am sure this happened before prior to me starting. I am unsure where they came up with that price for that area. I will say that it has been pretty busy under the bridge there. To sell those 19 spots and to keep them blocked, it is a significant amount and more than \$1,260. I don't know if you received the communication from someone who had concerns with this. I got it yesterday. It is the same as what I was describing that should be taken into consideration. This area has been used quite a bit.

*Alderman Morgan moved to approve. **Alderman Barry** duly seconded the motion.*

Chairman Vincent asked is the applicant going to be paying the \$1,260 or has that amount not been validated yet.

Mr. Goodnow answered I am not sure. That goes directly to the Clerk's Office, who makes me aware of it.

Alderman Morgan asked Peter, what is your understanding as to what the cost is going to be for this.

Peter Telge, owner of Stark Brewing, stated this started when COVID started. They were issuing parking spaces downtown and I requested those parking spaces for my picnic tables and stuff. Pat Long came up with a proposal that I pay the same thing that they were paying on Elm Street, which was \$420 a spot.

Matthew Normand, City Clerk, stated it was \$1,260 for a spot for the season.

Mr. Telge stated Pat Long composed that and it was accepted by the Board. The same as it was on Elm Street. I was hoping that would continue moving forward. There is no loss of revenue to the city. The people that have paid for the tickets have already paid for the tickets. It is an additional \$1,260 to the city. It is not as if they were losing money on the spaces, because you are not. They are all empty at night and on weekends. During the weekdays they are used by a lot of people in a lot of buildings, but there are plenty of spaces right next door in the north end of Arms Park which is only twenty yards away where they can park that does not affect the amount of people parking. They are just relocating to another spot twenty yards away.

Alderman Barry moved to amend the motion to include that Mr. Telge pay \$1,260 for the space. **Alderman Goonan** duly seconded the motion. Chairman Vincent called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

4. Communication from the Parking Manager regarding proposed increases to parking violation citations and the hourly parking rate.

Alderman Barry moved to increase the parking violation citations to \$15 and the hourly parking rate to \$1 per hour. **Alderman Goonan** duly seconded the motion.

Chairman Vincent stated I would ask that we recommend that the City Solicitor and the Parking Manager draft an ordinance to reflect these changes, and refer the ordinance to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading.

Chairman Vincent called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

5. Communication from Kristen Clarke, Traffic Engineer, regarding a request for an all-way stop with vehicle activated flashing stop signs at the Union Street and Campbell Street intersection.

(Note: This item was approved by the Committee on 02/06/2024, and was referred back to the Committee by a vote of the BMA on 02/20/2024.

On motion of **Alderman Morgan**, duly seconded by **Alderman Kantor**, it was voted to receive and file.

6. Communication from Bryce Kaw-uh, Chair, Manchester Planning Board, requesting a consultant be hired to draft an updated Bicycle Master Plan.

Alderman Barry stated one of the things we discussed at the full Board meeting was that we were hoping that Bryce or someone in his group would reach out to the private sector to see if they could come up with \$150,000 to do the study. I haven't heard anything.

Chairman Vincent stated my understanding was that it was coming to this Committee because they were going to work on finding funding for it versus the city funding it, which is what we recommended at the Board I believe.

*On motion of **Alderman Morgan**, duly seconded by **Alderman Goonan**, it was voted to approve the request, contingent on no city funds being utilized for said purpose.*

*There being no further business, on motion of **Alderman Barry**, duly seconded by **Alderman Kantor**, it was voted to adjourn.*

A True Record. Attest.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Normand". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Clerk of Committee